

# Therman Bryant: "I Enjoyed Every Minute"



By Foy Rogers, Director, Cooperative Missions Department

Therman V. Bryant, a consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died of cancer on July 4, 1977, in the Hinds General Hospital in Jackson. He lived in Clinton and is survived by his wife, the former Annie Grace McCord, two sons, Harold of Covington, Virginia, and Bruce of Clinton, four grandchildren, two brothers, Lamar of Walnut, and Clarke of Pontotoc.

Prior to coming to the Cooperative Missions Department, he was academic dean at Clarke College for nine years. Therman's school work career began at an early age in the Longview School in his home community and ended July 4, 1977. He never gave up teaching young people.

The last engagement Therman had was a meeting with professors of the Baptist colleges of the state, Phillips McCarty, of Mississippi College, Charles Melton of Clarke College, Don Stewart of William Carey, and James Travis of Blue Mountain College. They were working out details for revising the Syllabus used in the In-Service Guidance course jointly sponsored and supported by the colleges, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Home Mission Board.

Therman and I grew up in adjoining communities, and I have known him since high school days. I have been his supervisor and office companion for 12 years. These experiences have been very pleasant and profitable.

He served his home county of Pontotoc as elementary school supervisor for

several years. In addition, he served on the faculty at Batesville and taught some summer courses at Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi.

Therman was widely used as interim pastor although he refused to be called a preacher. Practically all of his interims were in small country churches.

Therman's assignment in the Cooperative Missions Department necessitated that he work closely with several Southern Baptist Convention boards and agencies.

As in-service guidance director and rural church consultant, he and Mrs. Bryant were fully appointed, commissioned, and received financial support from the Home Mission Board. As director of world missions conferences, he related to the Brotherhood Commission, Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board. As seminary extension director, he worked with the Southern Baptist Convention Seminary Extension and the seminaries.

As coordinator of the doctor of ministries degree study in Jackson, he worked closely with the New Orleans Seminary. As interfaith witness consultant, he related to the Interfaith Witness Department of the Home Mission Board.

In addition to the above Southern Baptist Convention relationships, Therman has served as foster missionary in the Sharkey-Issaquena association for the past 12 years and the Humphreys association for the past 2 years.

Therman carried a load, but I never heard him say that the burden was too

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## Halfway Through Year 45.6% Of Budget Is In

Cooperative Program receipts for June through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board were the highest of the year so far, according to an announcement from the office of Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer.

June receipts were \$725,604, which brought the figure for the six-month period to \$3,840,589. For June, the receipts were \$25,604 more than one-twelfth of the annual budget of \$3.4 million. For the year, however, the receipts were \$359,401 less than one half of the budget.

For the six-month period, however, the income through the Cooperative Program was \$225,148 more than for the same period of last year. For the month the receipts were \$61,022 more than for the same month in 1976.

For the year so far 45.6 percent of the budget goal has been received.

The Cooperative Program is the voluntary, unified method used throughout the Southern Baptist Convention for supporting missions work in the state, across the nation, and around the world.

## Time For Calendar Marking

Pull out your calendar and write "Attend Mississippi Baptist Convention" on the dates, November 15-17. It will be held at First Baptist Church in Jackson and this is the convention that's bringing in the 'big guns.'

Included on the powerhouse program will be the chief executives of four SBC agencies, plus the retired chief executive who is the immediate past president of the SBC.

The list includes: Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission; William G. (Bill) Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board; Darold H. Morgan, president of the Annuity Board; Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board; plus James Sullivan, retired Sunday School Board president, and past SBC president.

## Simultaneous Area Bible Conferences Are Planned

All Sunday School leaders, adult and youth members, pastors, and staff members should plan to attend one of the five simultaneous Area Bible Conferences, August 19-20. These conferences will be held at Senatobia,

Starkville, Hattiesburg, Jackson, and Greenwood.

Offering a study of the letter of "James", these conferences should provide an unusual opportunity for local church leaders to gain Bible knowledge and become better Sunday School teachers and students in their respective churches. They are spread over the state for travel convenience.

These identical conferences will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 19 and adjourn at 11:50 a.m. on Saturday. The Friday evening session concludes at 9:15 p.m. The Saturday sessions begin with breakfast at the local church at 8 a.m. There will be five fifty minute sessions of Bible study over the two-day period.

The Bible study leaders include: Bob Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, teaching at FBC, Senatobia, Bob Shurden of Mis-

issippi College teaching at FBC Starkville; Schuyler Batsot, of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Alexandria, La., teaching at FBC Hattiesburg; Harper Shannon of Huffman Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., teaching at Daniel Memorial in Jackson, and Howard Spell of Clinton teaching at FBC Greenwood. There will be child care provided by each host church for preschoolers — (birth through three).

A \$5 registration fee is payable at the conferences on Friday night. This includes breakfast and the "James" Study Guide. Reservations for the conference and especially for breakfast should be made by writing or calling: Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205. Phone: 354-3704.

These conferences are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department, Bryant M. Cummings, director.

SBC voted in Kansas City to add the beefed-up short-term emphasis to the denomination's Bold Mission effort, "met with the idea of unstopping the channels for money and personnel to flow to areas of need," said W. Ches Smith, committee chairman.

Impetus for the eventual formation of the Mission Service Corps grew out of a meeting, June 7 in the White House, between President Jimmy Carter and various SBC agency leaders. Carter urged his denomination to strengthen the short-term volunteer missionary phase of its Bold Mission plan, voted into existence the previous year in Norfolk, to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world by the close of the century.

While expressing the need to overcome barriers which would prevent the effort from undergirding the Bold Mission effort, committee members emphasized the effort must be organized properly to keep it from floundering and collapsing under its own weight.

"The idea is already catching fire around the Southern Baptist Convention, and we need to get organized without losing the momentum and urgency," Smith said. "Placement, training and utilization are important. We don't want wholesale sending without proper support. Great zeal without support will cause the effort to flounder. We want to do this in a way which will enhance, not harm, the

SBC's Cooperative Program giving," said Smith, also chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.

The special committee laid out 10 principles; established three work groups (for enlistment and screening, identification of places of service and assignments, and financing and administration) and set the next committee for Sept. 1 in Nashville. It hopes to report to the SBC Executive Committee at its meeting in Nashville, Sept. 19-21.

Among the 10 principles, the committee expressed the hope that the churches will follow through on the SBC's action requesting a percentage increase each year in Cooperative Program giving and that they will seek to double gifts to the Cooperative Program by 1982.

"Much of the money going from Baptist pockets to para-church groups will go to this effort, if Southern Baptists can catch the spirit of it," Smith said.

The principles include the objective of enlisting the 5,000 persons for one or two years service in the U.S. or abroad and finding churches or groups of churches to fund the volunteers.

Other principles include statements:

—That the two mission boards and the state conventions will jointly work out fiscal administration procedures having to do with enlistment and utilization of volunteers.

—That all funds "flow through normal channels and that those not designated for specific activities or persons be divided by formulas to be agreed upon by the SBC and state conventions, recognizing the importance of the identification of church or individual support with the Mission Service Corps personnel."

—That the two missions boards and state conventions administer all personnel assigned to them.

—That the state conventions be encouraged to take the leadership in planning with churches and associations in cooperation with the SBC agencies involved in development of the Mission Service Corps.

—That the two mission boards, the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), the Brotherhood Commission and the

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## Mission Service Corps Is Quickly Taking Shape

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## Summer Missions Workers



Here are some of the summer missions workers in Mississippi. On the front row (left to right) are Jeff Houghton, a Home Mission Board appointed summer missionary working at McComb with the Percy Quin state park and Bogue Chitto river park. He is a student at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky., a native of Hamilton, Ohio, and is working for Pike association.

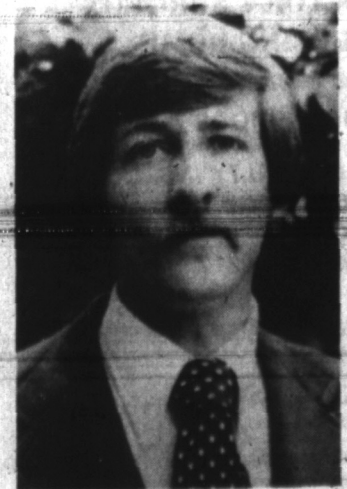
Next to Houghton is Lamar Moore, who is pastor of New Harmony Baptist Church in Neshoba County. He's a student at East Central Junior College and is doing a comprehensive survey of the Neshoba area. Working along with him is Jeff Hendrix, a student at Mississippi

State. And on the front row at right is Charles Moore, a recent graduate of William Carey College. He is an HMB summer missionary working at the South Columbia Baptist Mission Center.

On the back row are Dan West, director of missions for Pike County, leading in the resort work there, Kent Sharp, missions director of Neshoba County, Cliff Shipp, pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Yazoo City, and Rodney Webb and Ray Grissett, both of the MBCB Cooperative Missions Department staff. Shipp, Webb and Grissett were leaders in an orientation for the summer missions workers.

## Brotherhood Adds Griffin To Staff

Rusty Griffin, 29, of Vicksburg, has been named to the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as consultant in the Brotherhood De-



partment, announced the department director, Paul Harrell.

Griffin, for the past five years minister of activities for First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, will begin duties in August concentrating on work with Royal Ambassadors. The RA program responsibilities include leadership, training and overseeing the camping program.

A native of Clarksdale, Griffin says he first became involved in the church through the RA program. As an RA, he earned two service aide awards and was named Ambassador of the Year in high school in Tennessee.

He spent two summers with Texas Baptist Men instructing RAs in their camping program, and led RA conferences in Texas while in seminary.

Griffin is a graduate of Mississippi College and he earned the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth.

He is married to the former Jan Ross of Palahatchie. They have a daughter born in May of this year.

By Tim Nicholas

Chester Swor's early days of teaching, he says, were something like Paul's tentmaking, "in order to be able to counsel students."

And counsel he has. Traveling more than one million miles in a 40 year career of counseling and lecturing, "few men in Southern Baptist life have touched as many lives as such a critical time of their lives as Chester Swor," said SBC President Jimmy Allen, in a taped multi-media presentation during a worship service honoring Swor on his 70th birthday. The service took place at Jackson's First Baptist Church, where Swor has held his membership for many years.

During a dialogue with Paul Stevens, a former student and now president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, during the service, and earlier in an interview, Swor discussed young people and how his life has threaded through them.

An English teacher at Mississippi College, Swor, a native of D'Lo, Miss., began to fill speaking engagements in the summertime. By 1939, he began to spend only 14 weeks a year on campus — as dean of students, largely in counseling. And in 1943, went into lecturing and counseling full time.

"The only time I ever have a little touch of homesickness," he says, "is in the fall when they're going back to school."

His decision to go completely into lecturing was prompted by letters written by pastors telling him it wasn't right for him "to stay in one little college when the needs are so great."

Statistics released from the Federal Bureau of Investigation about that time indicated great increases in the percentage of young people committing major crimes and "beginning with World War II, so many of the

homes began to lose their hold over young people," he says. "They were experiencing freedom without wisdom and experience." These factors brought insistent requests for Swor to speak.

Swor, never ordained and the recipient of four honorary doctorates from Baptist colleges, says he tested whether he should go into full time lecturing by asking God for 15 invitations in two weeks. "Didn't usually get 15 in three months. There were 30. I promised the Lord I would go, but I wanted a

pat on the back — more assurance."

Shortly, at a conference, students gave him a gift. "It was a zippered shaving kit," he says, "with gold leaf letters spelling out 'Travel Kit.'"

So he traveled — and over the years, his rapport with young people has not been diminished. "One question that's asked me more than any other is 'what's the secret of your continuing to have good rapport with young people? I had taken for granted anyone could.'"

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## Swor Honored On 70th



Paul Stevens and Chester Swor, reminisce during Swor's birthday celebration at FBC, Jackson. David Roddy, church minister of education, hosted the event.



## Report To Educators

# Finance, Enrollment Rate High In Baptist Schools

By Robert O'Brien & Jack Harwell

MOBILE, Ala. (BP) — Bouyed by a report declaring Southern Baptist schools in good health, Southern Baptist educators spent three days here exploring ways to meet the challenges of education and tie in with denominational missions objectives.

One of the nation's leading evaluators of educational effectiveness, Earl J. McGrath, appeared before the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools (ASBCS) to present findings of a year-long study, which he said was more comprehensive than any of its kind.

McGrath, directing a research unit funded by a \$100,000 Lilly Endowment grant, surveyed trustees, faculty, students and staff from 49 of the 53 Southern Baptist colleges in compiling the voluminous report in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Education Commission and the ASBCS.

Giving the schools a high rating in relation to other schools across the country, he said they were sound financially, academically and in enrollment and declared that their unashamed church relationship and willingness to stand for values characterized their strength.

"To the degree you emphasize church relationship, you will attract students and donors," warned McGrath, former U. S. commissioner of education and a layman of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. "You will flounder to the degree you attempt to ape secularized schools."

The ASBCS voted to participate in a follow-up evaluation in cooperation with McGrath and his team and the Education Commission. Lilly Endowment has approved another grant of \$50,000 for use in follow-up. The ASBCS voted to zero in on careful examination of the schools' purpose, transmission of values and business management during the follow-up phase, in which each school will have the opportunity to use confidential, individualized versions of the McGrath study to evaluate its own strengths and weaknesses.

During the meeting of the ASBCS and subsidiary groups of Southern Baptist educational leaders, speakers dealt with ways to improve education, meet its challenges and tie in with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Bold Mission goal to evangelize the world by the close of the century.

Ben C. Fisher, executive director-treasurer of the SBC Education Commission, and associate executive director, George Capps, reported on meetings with SBC mission organizations, such as the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union, and one they hope to set up with the Brotherhood Commission.

Capps said the schools and the SBC agencies have completed plans to assign contact persons on the campuses and in the SBC agencies to work together in undergirding the denomination's missions enterprise, which will call for unprecedented recruitment, training and financing of missionaries.

Christian education and missions, historical companions in Baptist growth, have been in the process of strengthening mutual support and communicating their joint concern for missions to SBC constituency since 1971. Those efforts, a forerunner of the

Bold Mission effort, dovetail with it.

In other action, the ASBCS and a companion organization of deans elected officers, conducted business and heard a series of speakers.

The ASBCS elected William K. Weaver, president of Mobile College, as president; Kenneth T. Whitescarver, president, Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy, vice president; H. I. Hester, retired, Liberty, Mo., secretary-treasurer, Milton P. Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will assist Hester.

The deans elected Jim E. Tanner, academic vice president, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., president; Charles Martin, academic vice president, Mississippi College, Clinton, vice president; and Kirby Godsey, liberal arts college dean, Mercer University, Macon, Ga., secretary-treasurer.

Speakers covered a wide range of educational subjects, including the relation of education to the federal government, the concept of Christian freedom, faculty development, educational leadership, state Baptist conventions and local churches, the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget, the value of Baptist secondary education, public policy

and legal action and other subjects.

Phillip R. Moots called on schools of all denominations to "take vigorous initiatives" in working together to help formulate government policy, prevent legal problems and inform supporters of college-government problems.

Moots, a lawyer from Columbus, Ohio, who has done extensive legal work for Methodist schools, told the Southern Baptist educational leaders "We really have no choice. We must overcome differences, seek a common ground and act on it, now!"

Moots cited a long list of U. S. Supreme Court rulings, federal regulations, school litigation cases and other legal precedents to document his case for urgent shared planning.

He said, "Our resources are terribly scarce; it only makes sense to share the expenses of information gathering, legal research and analysis and planning, legislative and administrative lobbying, etc. We simply can't afford the waste and duplication of trying to go it alone. It is surely not good stewardship for church or college."

Moots also urged individual colleges to make intensive "preventive planning" to make sure they understand government regulations, court rulings and legal pitfalls, so as to avoid unnecessary lawsuits and court actions.

## Carter Names Vatican Envoy; Baptists Object

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Jimmy Carter has named David M. Walters as his personal representative to the Vatican, according to an announcement by the White House press room.

Walters, a Master Knight of the Order of Malta in the Knights of Columbus and a member of Serra Inter-

national, is the first Roman Catholic named by an American President as an envoy to the Vatican. He succeeds Henry Cabot Lodge, who held a similar position under presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford.

Opposition to Carter's action came swiftly and sharply from three of his fellow Southern Baptists — Jimmy R. Allen, newly elected Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) president; James E. Wood Jr. of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and Foy Valentine of the SBC Christian Life Commission. All three have sent telegrams to President Carter.

Wood, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, reiterated the historic Baptist opposition to special recognition of a religious body by the government of the United States.

He blasted the appointment of Walters as an "ecclesiastical appointment." He pointed out that President Carter first cleared the appointment with the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Joseph Bernardin.

"This, itself, reveals the ecclesiastical nature of the appointment and the concern of the President for ecclesiastical approval of the Roman Catholic Church to serve as an envoy to the Vatican," he said.

"In a personal interview with Mr. Walters," Wood continued, "the new envoy indicated to me that he saw his appointment as representing the concerns of our government for 771 million Roman Catholics throughout the world." He then reported that Walters saw his role as primarily with the human rights of individual Catholics

rather than the ecclesiastical structure itself.

Walters indicated to Wood that he would have no problem with the President's appointment of other envoys to other ecclesiastical bodies, such as the World Council of Churches in Geneva or to Buddhist or Muslim communities if the President were to decide to do so.

Allen, San Antonio pastor and SBC president, sent President Carter a telegram expressing regret over his decision to appoint a personal envoy to the Vatican. Allen told the President that he believes "that this practice is in violation of the spirit and probably the letter of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

He urged the President to find other ways to maintain effective communication with the head of the Roman Catholic Church on matters of mutual concern.

In a separate statement, Allen said, "it is essentially ironic that this announcement is being made hard on the heels of the Papal statement urging American churchmen to attack the constitutional prohibitions against using public tax money to propagate the Roman Catholic faith."

"It is unbelievable that an Italian churchman, who has never enjoyed the privilege of living under the American system of church-state relations, would use his spiritual authority to instruct American churchmen to seek to destroy the American system," continued Allen, former national president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Andrew Leigh Gunn, executive director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, also sent President Carter a telegram protesting the appointment of Walters. "The American people look to you as a defender of their liberties," the Methodist clergyman declared. "Appointment of a special envoy to the headquarters of one church can only weaken their faith in you and your administration," he told the President.

Valentine also expressed strong disagreement, calling it "an unnecessary mistake when made by some other Presidents . . . (and) an unnecessary mistake when made by President Carter. . . . sectarian schools, is evidence of the continuing efforts of vested interests to erode the principle of church-state separation," he said.

The appointment of Walters as "personal representative" of the President to the Vatican does not require confirmation by the U. S. Senate as does that of a full ambassador to a foreign country. Although such a position is unsalaried, there is considerable expense to the American taxpayers involved in the trips to Rome and in the staffing of the office.



Standing in the reception receiving line are Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Compere (left) and Dr. and Mrs. James Booth.

## Compere Honored

Sunday, June 26, was proclaimed W. L. Compere Day by the mayor of Newton. The Clarke College family joined trustees, alumni, and friends in honoring Dr. and Mrs. Compere for their many years of service to the college. The afternoon reception was hosted by the board of trustees, and board president, James Booth of Eupora, and Mrs. Booth, along with Clarke business manager, Herbert Valentine, and Mrs. Valentine. These joined the Compere family in the receiving line, as they greeted those who came during the reception hours.

The college cafeteria was the setting for the reception and was decorated with floral tributes from friends and organizations. Mrs. Compere's pink orchid corsage, as well as Compere's red rose boutonniere, was given by her. Sunday School class at First Church, Newton. The Compere were honored

at First Church Sunday morning and a resolution of appreciation was presented to them from the council of deacons.

During the reception, Booth read a resolution of appreciation from the trustees and presented a generous check on behalf of present and former trustees. Valentine presented a barbeque grill and lighter to the Compere from the college faculty and staff. Letters of appreciation have come to the Compere and some of these were displayed during the reception.

Compere has been elected President Emeritus of Clarke, and Clarke president-elect, S. L. Harris, has requested Compere to continue as a consultant in a part-time capacity to assist the new president in his orientation to Mississippi and in promoting some development plans now underway.

## Church Sentencing Illegal

FRESNO, CALIF. (EP) — Sentencing law violators to attend church may be good for their soul, but it's unconstitutional, according to a superior court judge. Judge Hollis C. Best ruled here that the practice of another judge, Hugh W. Goodwin of municipal court, of sentencing misdemeanor defendants to attend church is contrary to the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state.

Goodwin, a devout Baptist, has created a furor during his year and a half in office by giving more than 200 people the option of attending church instead of going to jail. But Best ruled on a writ of habeas corpus filed in behalf of Samuel Allen Alford, 18, who received a suspended jail sentence on a rape conviction on the condition that he attend church regularly.

However, the probation department later reported Alford was not attending church, so another judge sent him to the California Youth Authority.

## Newsbriefs In The



## World Of Religion

New York (RNS) — The New York Times has announced a new policy which will take effect July 1 "sharply limiting the size, format and type of information contained in the advertising of pornographic films." New guidelines will make The Times' policy on the advertising of pornographic films among the most stringent of any daily newspaper in the U. S., according to publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger.

New York — The Cuban Government has granted the Protestant churches in that country permission to import 5,000 Bibles and New Testaments, according to a report issued by the United Bible Societies' Americas Regional Center in Mexico City.

Ramsey, N.Y. (RNS) — A theologian states that Catholic hospitals are justified in permitting sterilizations, particularly under government pressure, but they must draw the line at abortions because the evil of destroying unborn human life cannot be justified under the traditional doctrine of "material cooperation." In circumstances where the hospital's existence is threatened by the refusal to allow sterilizations or in cases where sterilization is required to save the life or health of a person, the procedures are morally permissible, he said. Such is not the case with abortions, even if the hospital must close.

New York (RNS) — Bruce Edwards, dismissed pastor of President Carter's hometown church in Plains, Ga., says "greed and selfishness" are responsible for his controversial ouster and for the tourist industry which has transformed Plains. "It is the town of Plains that is the loser," said Edwards in an interview entitled "A Minister's Farewell to Plains, Georgia" in the July issue of McCall's magazine. He said "the people have had their church taken away from them." Edwards will become pastor of the Makakilo Baptist Church in Honolulu in July.

Houston (RNS) — Churches must minister to "any and all people in need" including prostitutes, pimps, alcoholics, homosexuals and the down-and-outs," a leader of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., said here. E. A. Freeman of Kansas City told the 15,000 delegates to the predominantly black convention's Congress on Christian Education that pastors and members should "walk through your (church) buildings praying, with your eyes wide open, asking God how can you use what you have to help people more."

Albany, N.Y. (RNS) — A new "Black Parents for Black Children" campaign will be launched in New York State to encourage increased adoption of black children by black families and singles. The campaign, endorsed and partly funded by the state, is sponsored by Citizens Coalition for Children, which has headquarters here.

## Siao Is Seminary President

Wayne Siao Wei Yuan is the seventh president of the Malaysia - Singapore Baptist Theological Seminary in Penang, Malaysia, and the first national ever to hold the position. Southern Baptist missionaries have served as presidents of the seminary since it began in 1954. Siao has been a teacher and dean of studies there for seven years. (BP) photo.

## Therman Bryant: "Enjoyed It"

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heavy. His pat answer to cautions about his schedule was: "I have enjoyed every minute of it."

Therman planned his own funeral. About two weeks prior to his death he called his wife to his bedside and said, "We need to talk." He asked her if it would be all right; and then he shared the plans for his funeral. He asked her if this arrangement would be too hard on the family. Mrs. Bryant said, "No."

Permit me to repeat some of the remarks I made during the funeral: Few men have been entrusted with the capacity to love people as Therman loved. Jesus said: "By this shall all men know you as my disciple."

Few men have been endowed with the multiplicity of talents as Therman was. "He was a five talent" servant who was faithful to the end. He took seriously the admonition "As every man has received the gift even so minister."

He was an eloquent speaker who refused to be called a preacher, a beloved teacher who communicated Christian compassion in every lesson.

An academic dean who helped untold numbers of students through difficult and discouraging moments.

A loyal co-worker who made good things happen.

A denominational servant who created good will and understanding in every thing he did.

His greatest delight appeared to be that of helping and encouraging student pastors and rural churches.

He was a Barnabas to all the John Marks among his acquaintances. He was an Andrew who directed inquiries to the Great Physician. Therman walked with God every day and unto the end.

He took advantage of every opportunity that came his way to help others. The last thing he did for me was to introduce me to a ministering medical worker, but his greatest delight was to introduce sinners to his Savior.

Therman loved his family with utmost devotion. He made friends, loved them, and became a friend to each one of them.

He loved the Church and gave his means, services, and life to it.

He loved his Lord and sought to honor Him in everything he did.

He knew the road that led to God through prayer.

To him the Bible was the Word of God and spoke with authority.

We are better because we knew him. No person in the convention has touched more lives for good than this man has.

Douglas McArthur made a statement that became famous: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

May I change this a little and say: "Old soldiers to the cross never die, and neither do they fade away; they merely change their place of residence, and live on and on and on rejoicing in Jesus."

He died the death of the righteous and now lives the life of the redeemed.

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# Kindergarten Workshops Focus On Curriculum



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A series of four kindergarten workshops in early August will be held in Clarksdale, Aberdeen, Brookhaven, and Hattiesburg.

The workshops, designed for directors and staff of Christian kindergar-

## Sr. Adult Group

### Attends Ridgecrest

A tour group from Mississippi will attend the Senior Adult Chautauqua at Ridgecrest Conference Center, Oct. 17-21, according to Kermit S. King, Senior Adult Consultant for Mississippi.

This tour is being planned especially to provide for individuals and small groups of 2-4 from churches which cannot or do not choose to plan their own tour to the Chautauqua.

Plans for the tour have just been completed, according to King. These include travel to Ridgecrest via Chattanooga (Lookout Mountain and Rock City) and Gatlinburg (Christus Gardens, Newfound Gap, and Cherokee); with return via Atlanta (Stone Mountain) and Montgomery.

Cost will be \$175 plus meals and entrance fees. Of this a reservation fee of \$25 is required by August 1, with the balance payable by September 1.

The Senior Adult Chautauqua is planned and conducted by the Senior Adult Section of the Family Life Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Horace L. Kerr is the section supervisor.

The program at Ridgecrest includes a variety of activities including worship, seminars, and fellowship.

The Mississippi tour group will plan sightseeing in the Asheville area during the afternoons at Ridgecrest. These tentatively include Biltmore Estates and Mt. Mitchell.

A brochure containing a complete itinerary, cost, and essential information is available upon request from the office of the Senior Adult Consultant, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

## Bible Teachers To Speak At Bible Confab

WASHINGTON (BP) — Three Bible scholars — one each from three major national-Baptist bodies in North America — have been chosen to lead Bible studies at the 2nd World Conference of Baptist Men.

An attendance of 5,000 men from 60 nations is expected for the meeting, scheduled for Indianapolis, Ind., April 5-9, 1978. The first world conference was held in Hong Kong in 1974. The event is sponsored by the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).

Lee Satterfield, a Southern Baptist layman of Alta Vista, Va., chairman of the conference steering committee, announced the Bible study leaders:

—Gerald L. Borchert, professor of Biblical studies, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Robert C. Campbell, executive secretary of the American Baptist Churches, Valley Forge, Pa.; and Dale Moody, professor of theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Satterfield said that an international panel of speakers and discussion leaders are being arranged for the program, using the theme "God Working Through You." A discussion group approach will be used to encourage the exchange of ideas among men from many nations, he said.

The conference is open also to pastors and the wives of men attending. Information and registration forms may be secured from BWA Men's Department, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

## Instant Spanish

This past spring, Rodney Webb of the convention board staff, discovered he could speak Spanish.

It wasn't anything supernatural, though. Webb, language missions consultant for Mississippi Baptists, was invited to Puerto Rico to interpret for the 2nd during an evangelistic conference. During the conference he went out exploring — locating the deaf people, visiting the various deaf ministries there.

A man accompanying Webb spoke in Spanish to a young woman who did not respond. Webb starting signing. She responded and they began a conversation. "I asked her 'Do you speak English?' She said 'No, I speak Spanish.' But they used our signs, so we got along pretty well."

What had happened was that they used AMSLA (American Sign Language). However, they could not spell out words because of the language difference.

tens, includes sessions on current curriculum, administrative techniques, innovative music, and program evaluation.

Locations and dates are: August 1, Clarksdale Baptist Church, Clarksdale; August 2, FBC, Aberdeen; August 8, FBC, Brookhaven; and August 9, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. All workshops begin at 9 a.m., and end at 3 p.m. Contents for each are similar.

Program personnel for the first two include: Jane Stone, director of Broadmoor Baptist Church kindergarten in Jackson; Doris Rouse, author of WEE, Teacher's Guide; Bill Halbert, BSSB consultant in WEE; and Nan

Grantham, music assistant at Broadmoor church.

For the second two workshops, program personnel are: Betty Barber, nursery school supervisor at Mississippi College; Zedabeth Uland, director of childhood education in Plano, Tex.; Helon Harwell, faculty member, Francis Nichols College, Thibodaux, La.; and Nan Grantham.

The workshops are a service of the Church Administration and Pastoral Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Pre-registration, including a \$3.50 per person fee (for meal, materials) is required. Send to Leon Emery, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

## Swor Honored On 70th

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He cites the factors that may help: "I genuinely love young people. When one loves greatly, there are insights.

"I have tried valiantly to understand them even when they were very difficult to understand, as in the 50s and 60s. Then I came to realize that understanding and approval were not by any manner of means synonymous.

"The thing that troubles me most deeply is a young person trying so hard to be a fine person and having absolutely no inspiration from parents. There have been times, frankly, I have just wanted to weep when I see what parents are missing who are not meaning to their children what their children so much need in example and guidance."

Though he has given all of his time to those of others, Swor has never had any children of his own. He has never been married. "Not yet," he says. Though, "I was genuinely in love once and had two other mild attacks of romance."

As a result, "I have had the marvelous privilege of counseling with many thousands of people without denying time and attention to my own family," he says. Plus, he's helped finance the education of more than a hundred students, asking only that they later give the same amount to some other struggling student. "At least 20-30 have written me with checks saying they don't know of needy students, but to give the money to someone I know," he says.

Swor sees the greatest single need in Christianity is for Christians to be called to commitment to Christ and to the church. His procedure is teaching. On campuses he talks mainly about vocational choices, marriage choices, and preparation for marriage. "Though I'm using a contemporary approach, I'm saying the same things I said 40 years ago," he admits.

"Young people are far more concerned today with the ethical teaching of Christianity as applied to specific problems and issues than ever before," he says.

## Mission Corps

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Sunday School Board work with state conventions in the promotion of the Mission Service Corps and enlistment of volunteers.

—That the SBC Executive Committee relate to the Mission Service Corps, in keeping with SBC actions, to work with various agencies to secure full implementation of SBC actions; evaluate the project, report periodically and make any needed recommendations beyond 1982.

—That the two mission boards, the WMU, Brotherhood Commission and Sunday School Board review Mission Service Corps principles and develop more specific models for implementing the corps and that these be reviewed by the committee's workgroup, a representative group of pastors and others at the Sept. 1 meeting.

He notes an inspiring hunger for Bible study among high school and college age people. "When these young people come into leadership in our churches, the churches will be more vital in the inner life than ever before. And I feel the ministry of the church beyond its walls into the community will be more compassionate than ever."

At the birthday service, Swor introduced his new assistant, Johnny Eakin, of Southaven, Miss., Scott Cook, who worked with him from 1974-77, who has entered art school in New England, and Jerry Merriman, for six years his assistant, and now in student work, with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Swor will begin in 1978 accepting speaking engagements for only 6 weeks in the spring and fall. The rest of the time he'll be writing on at least four books he has in the mill to add to the eight already published.

He had the possibility in the past of becoming a college president, he's had invitation after invitation of taking staff positions in various Baptist schools. Two different seminaries have asked him to be dean of the chapel. "At the times when I might have considered going back to a campus, there were no opportunities. When the opportunities came, nothing could have persuaded me to go back," he says.

Though he has traveled greatly, two of the three characters who he feels have influenced him most greatly were Mississippians.

He remembers the late John Willis Provine, president of Mississippi College, as "in the truest sense of the word a gentleman, a scholar and a great lover of people." And the late W. A. Hewitt, for 28 years pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson, whose "total commitment to Christ, his compassion toward people, and his overwhelming humility of spirit blessed me greatly."

The other influencing person was the late Frank Leavell, "founder of the southside aspect of the Baptist Student Union movement. He was a Christian statesman, a great thinker, and as genteel a person as America has ever produced."

The qualities Swor admires in those men are familiar qualities to those who know him: "lover of people, humility of spirit, genteel" — those are the qualities that people see in Chester Swor. The qualities that have made him the kind of influence for Christ that he has tried to be for some 40 years on and off the lecture circuit.

Said Stevens to well wishers during the birthday celebration for Swor, "Young people looking for a hero, couldn't find one who has fought more battles, climbed more mountains... achieved more victories, than Chester Swor."

## Garaywa Security Tight

By Marjean Patterson  
WMU Director

In light of some recent unpleasant happenings in girls camps in other parts of the country, we want to reassure Mississippi Baptists concerning security measures being taken at our Camp Garaywa.

When children come for GA and Ac-teens Camps they are constantly in the presence of competent, responsible adults. The girls are not totally alone at any time. At night, the doors of the cabins are locked and if a girl desires to go to the bath house after the lights are out in the cabin, the cabin counselor accompanies her.

In addition, we have an eight foot high, chain link fence surrounding our property, with barbed wire strands over the top of the fence. Our caretaker, Harry Douglas, lives just inside the only gate to the property and he is responsible for locking the gate each night at 8:00 and unlocking it the next morning.

The Clinton City Police Department also sends representatives to the camp for periodic inspections.

Everyone on the staff is extremely security-conscious, and every possible precaution is being taken in order to insure the safety of every person who participates in our camping program.

## The Missions Task

### We Limit, Weaken Ourselves

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Dept., MBCB

"Grandpa," said a five year old granddaughter, "I've got a problem and I want you to come over to my house." "I'll be right over," grandpa replied. Upon arriving, he asked, "What's your problem, sweetheart?" "Well grandpa, as you know they're taking up the Annie Armstrong Offering at my church. My allowance is 50c a week and I want to give 25c of it to the Annie Armstrong Offering."

"That's fine, darling, but what's your problem?"

"Grandpa, the problem is that the devil keeps telling me not to do it!"

"Well," said grandpa, "I'll pray with you about that one. I know you will make the right decision."

About a week later grandpa saw granddaughter. "How did you solve your problem?" he inquired. "Well grandpa, I told the devil that if he didn't let me alone I was going to give the whole fifty cents!!!... for I knew I could come over to your house and you would give me another fifty cents!"

Jesus taught us to think of God as "our heavenly Father." As obedient children we can depend on him to provide our every need. We can live daily in that confident expectation that our "heavenly Father knoweth that we have need of all these things" such as food, drink, and clothing. All these things are sought after by the Gentiles and are not to have the main concern of God's people.

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matt. 7:11).

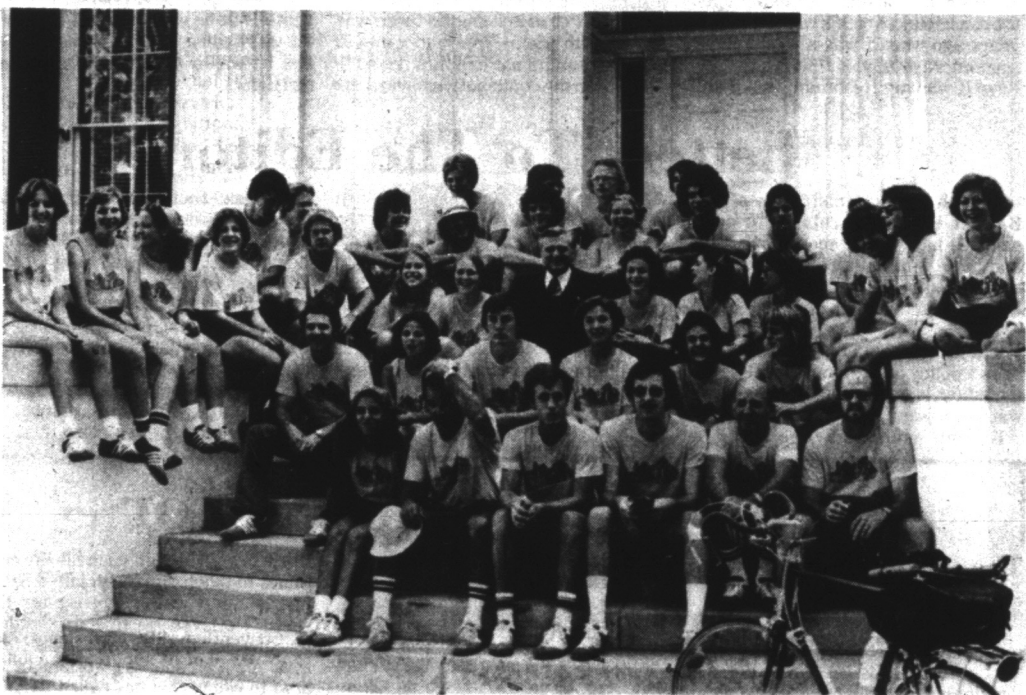
It is the eternal purpose of Satan to seek to lead God's people into pursuits that pull them away from their main business as a member of God's kingdom. In this subtle way he can render them totally ineffective. When one recognizes that 85% of church members are only token givers, and that many of this 85% give nothing, one begins to realize just how effective Satan has been.

Through his deceptive work, Satan is keeping God's people from having indestructible treasure in heaven, severely weakening and limiting what the churches can accomplish, keeping God's children in perpetual spiritual infancy, and withholding the gospel from lost multitudes everywhere.

"If you would be free you must become my slave; if you would be victorious, you must surrender to me; if you would be truly rich, you must commit all you have to me," Jesus taught.

The last great revival, the revival of stewardship, will come, for it must, in order that "... this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).

Are your books up to date? Think about it!



## Cycling For Fun And Ministry

The one in the coat and tie is Gov. Cliff Finch; the rest are members of an entourage to Europe from Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson. The group (excluding the governor) is on a three week bicycle trip through five European countries, camping each night and holding campground services along the way. They left July 10.

The trip, in which 45 persons ages 15-50 will ride bicycles over 600 miles, includes nightly singingspirations, stunt times, puppetry, magic, and sermonettes. They will hand out "four spiritual laws" tracts in English, Dutch, French, and German. Countries they are visiting include Luxembourg, Germany, Holland, Belgium, and France.

The group, led by John Bewley (hand on his head), minister of recreation for Broadmoor church, will give out Mississippi buttons and other souvenirs with each tract.

Routing and local arrangements are made through Spinning Spokes, a bicycle tour company, headed by Tommy Watson, pastor of FBC, Perrine, Fla.

The cyclists were visiting the governor at his home to receive certificates as official good-will ambassadors for the state of Mississippi.

## Wayland Instructor Won't Receive Pay

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP) — A Wayland Baptist College art instructor, dismissed for allegedly serving alcoholic beverages to students, will receive no further compensation from the college.

President Roy C. McClung said J. D. Whitaker's "severance is final" and he will not be paid under terms of a two-year contract signed before his dismissal in late May.

Whitaker was fired because he allegedly provided alcoholic beverages during social gatherings attended by students.

McClung said Whitaker was dismissed for conduct unbecoming a teacher at the college, for violation of a pre-employment understanding about possession and use of alcoholic beverages and for involving students in a breach of written rules.

One of the students involved has left the college, the president said, and others have received 50 demerits — 100

bring dismissal — and have lost their eligibility for institutional financial aid or scholarships.

Whitaker reportedly said he would not appeal the firing and would wait to see if the college paid him under the terms of his contract signed in March. McClung reiterated no such compensation will be made.

"This is our opportunity to say once again we are going to be different at Wayland Baptist College," he said.

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In the triangle of love between ourselves, God and other people, is found the secret of existence, and the best foretaste, I suspect, that we can have on earth of what heaven will probably be like. — SAMUEL M. SHOEMAKER

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## Editorials

### Chester Swor's Birthday

Several Baptist state papers across the nation carried news items recently much like the one in the Baptist Record on June 16. The items related to the 70th birthday of Chester Swor, a Mississippian.

Seldom has there been or will there be such a widespread notice of the birthday of an individual in the state papers. The fact that Chester Swor is ours in Mississippi makes this birthday just past especially significant to us.

The birthday was actually July 8; and July 10 was designated as "Chester Swor Day" at First Baptist Church in Jackson, Dr. Swor's home church. The evening service was a time of recognition and testimony. He received cards, letters, and telegrams from all across the nation.

Following the church service a birthday party was held in Fellowship Hall.

Chester Swor surely is an unmatched personality. He came upon the consciousness of this writer about 36 years ago when I was a freshman or sophomore in Baylor University. I believe it was my freshman year. I still

recall the chapel service when I first heard him, which was also the first time I had heard of him. He made an impact on my thinking that day, however, which never went away.

Mississippi Baptists can well experience justifiable pride in this one of our own. A recently arrived resident of this state, I must express my appreciation through many years for the ministry of Dr. Swor and my happiness for having the opportunity of additional, though brief, encounters with him from time to time.

From a chapel service in 1941 to a birthday party at First Baptist Church

in Jackson is a period spanning 36 years. This perpetually young man who incidentally has reached his 70th birthday has travelled 1,000,000 miles in that time and spoken to hundreds of thousands of people. I had never heard of Chester Swor before that religious focus week at Baylor. And those other hundreds of thousands, as was the case with me, once they heard him, never forgot.

There were more than 1,200 at his birthday party at First Church, Jackson. It was a fitting tribute. May he have many more birthdays just as happy.

### Therman Bryant

Readers will please indulge the writer a moment to pay tribute to the life that has been lived before us by Therman Bryant. The Lord called him out of this earthly life on July 4, but the testimony of his life will not soon end. As far as the writer knows, there was no one with whom Therman came in contact that did not call him friend.

How can the contribution toward the

spreading of the gospel by a person such as this be measured? How much we all need to learn to be such stewards of our time and abilities.

He was quiet and unassuming and gentle, but he was firm and effective. He was dedicated to the Lord's cause, and he was a Christian through and through.

## Letters To The Editor

Though the administration of the Baptist Record is relatively new, changes have come about gradually, and those that have been made have come about quietly. There was very little reason for much change.

Whether or not in the past there has been a policy on the length of letters to the editor is not known. Indeed, there was not a great number of them.

Recent events have elicited a

number of letters, and they have been welcomed. Because of a larger number of late, however, there has come the necessity of establishing a maximum length. For the future we feel we must establish a 400-word maximum for letters to the editor. Should the ones that arrive be longer, the editor will exercise the prerogative of tailoring them to that size.

As in the past, unsigned letters will not be used. If the writer feels the

name should not be used or if the editor feels that it would be better to leave the name of the writer unprinted, this will be noted.

There may not be many letters in the future. These are the guidelines we will follow for those that arrive, however. The editor will also determine when he feels a subject has received enough attention and discussion should be brought to a close.

## Letters To The Editor

### The Pastors' Conference

Dear Sir:

I praise God for the opportunity of attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City. Also for the privilege of being involved in one of the greatest Pastor's Conferences ever held among Southern Baptists. Dr. Jerry Vines and this year's officers are to be commended for allowing God to lead them to have such a great program of preaching and music.

In your article on the Pastor's Conference you made it appear that you disapproved of Stephen Olford, Warren Wiersbe and Clyde Narramore being in the program. You stated that the pastors held their most thunderous applause for the three Southern Baptists. If that be so then it was done for Lee and Criswell out of respect and certainly for Adrian Rogers because of his tremendous message. However, may I remind you that our purpose is not to applaud men, but to praise and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, I find your statements disappointing.

You also stated that several pastors questioned having several non-Southern Baptists on the program. It would be interesting to know who those are specifically and you would do well to interview a cross section of Southern Baptist pastors before printing such erroneous information. For anyone to question the integrity, ability, and spirituality of such men as Olford, Wiersbe, and Narramore is absurd.

You would do well to check out the number of churches who have had these men and the pastors who use their material across our convention. Having spent some time personally and privately with Olford and Wiersbe, I only wish that more of our pastors could do so. For anyone to question their being on the program clearly shows that they missed God's purpose in having them there. I praise God for all of the men who were on the program and for the way God used them.

My prayer is that this conference is an indication of what to expect in days to come. I am a faithful, cooperating Southern Baptist and intend to remain so; however, my greatest concern is the glorification of Jesus Christ, the believing, preaching, teaching, obeying and living of the word of God and the edification of His church. I am an American by birth, a Christian by the new birth and a Southern Baptist by convictions. Those convictions are Christ centered and biblically based, therefore, I am susceptible to anyone who proclaims Christ and the Word.

Len Turner, pastor  
Colonial Heights  
Baptist Church  
Jackson

### Tribute To The Futrals

Dear Sir:

For many years the Futral family has been our family. During these times of births, graduations, deaths, problems, joys, and growths, the knowledge that a loving and wise father and mother were supporting and caring has been a core of strength for us, all of us. There was never any doubt that the strength of this time generated from two people who shared love between them first so it could flow abundantly to their children.

The years of pulpit ministry began later for "Pop"; he made his commitment after he had three young sons. Knowing that education and preparation were necessary, he and his family moved to Clinton in 1948. Through his years at Mississippi College, he served several pastorates and also worked at various campus jobs and at college cleaners. These were very hard years but joyous years as God took care of their every need. His 29 years of pastoral ministry took him and his family from Mississippi to Florida and back again. Through these years the sharing of God's grace with persons who did not know was his priority. He was a faithful servant, a loyal friend, a leader to those congregations which called him pastor. During these 29 years of serving most of his pastorates were in the state of Mississippi. He loved Mississippi Baptists and worked hard for his Lord in this state. His pastorates were Union Grove, Holcomb, Pleasant Grove, Phebe, Edwards, North Oxford, Highland, Hialeah, Meadowview, Hickory Flat, New Hope, Smithdale, and Leflore Churches. For the past two years he was pastor of Morgan City Baptist Church.

Now as those of us who loved him sort our memories, we give thanks for his life—the steadfast love toward us, the ready laughter, the determination and courage with which he faced declining health, the joy he expressed in grandchildren, who were always welcome. The measure of a man's life is best determined by those who have been touched by his personality. The five sons who had "Pop" as their model multiply the influence of loving, responsible, life-deep ministry five

times over. Through each his life continues to touch and teach in the name of the Love which overcomes the world. He loved his five sons with a love that is reflected in the eyes of his sons. All of his sons are working in the area in which God has called them to serve. Guy Futral, Jr. is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Covington, La.; Larry Futral is Minister of Music and Education of the First Baptist Church, Camden, Ala.; Jim Futral is pastor of the Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss.; Tommy Futral is a detective on the Greenwood Police Department; Randy Futral has surrendered his life to the Ministry and will enter Clarke College this fall.

The Futrals Sr. were blessed with five sons and we, the daughters by marriage, wish to pay tribute to them for their love and thank them for the fine sons they have given to each one of us. We wish to pay our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mary Sue Futral, who lost her companion on May 4, 1977 after 43 years of marriage.

The Daughters-in-Law  
of the Guy Futrals

### More on Anita Bryant

Dear Editor:

There are two recent items of news I would like to ask questions about.

I believe in "freedom of speech," but I also believe in every Christian living his life by the example of Jesus shown us in His Holy Word. How many homosexuals have been won to Christ by the recent actions of Anita Bryant and others? I do not question their salvation. But I do ask them to read St. John 8:7 and St. Matthew chapter 7.

Also, I would like to know why the Ku Klux Klan has as a symbol, the burning cross. The symbol of the cross should be a sacred item to all Christians. They might as well be taking the Holy Bible and burning it. That cross, upon which Jesus died for all men, should be respected. For, I believe, this to be the greatest happening that has been and will be till He comes again.

Jesus Christ showed His love to a lost and dying world. And so must we show His love. Matthew 25 says we Christians are to fulfill the needs of others. If we do not become more loving, more Christ-like, the world will continue to have greater turmoil.

Too often we look to our church doctrine and teachings of our pastors and forget to study the scriptures.

I am 26. I ask you to pray that my life will become more Christ-like. I ask you to pray that your life will become more Christ-like. Together, with God's love through us, we can save human suffering, and lead someone to the "Light" and the "Truth."

Sue Carr  
Tchula, MS

Dear Sir:

Thank you for printing in The Baptist Record the content of the resolutions adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention which met June 14-16 in Kansas City. I was at the Convention,

## Book Reviews

**ENDANGERED SPECIES** by Dunn, Loring & Strickland (Broadman, 153 pp., \$2.50) "There has been a tragic and unbiblical separation between witnessing to the good news of Christ and acting with his love to meet human need. How dare we present Christ as the bread of life to a hungry man and only be concerned with Christ as the spiritual bread, and not obey Christ by providing the physical bread to meet that man's physical needs of today . . . I suggest that pastors and lay people alike take up the cross daily, sacrificing for others in a measurable material sense." — Senator Mark O. Hatfield in his Foreword.

**A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF HOMOSEXUALITY** by John W. Drakeford (Broadman, 140 pp., \$2.95) Drakeford, a highly respected person in the field of the home and sexuality, treats this once hush-hush, taboo subject and does it clearly and sanely, but also with Christian insight.

**WHO'S CALLING MY NAME?** by Jerrel B. Buchanan (Broadman, 154 pp., \$2.95) Regaining consciousness after his most serious heart attack, the author, a forty-seven-year-old minister, heard himself asking, "Who's calling my name?" Chapters 1 through 3 deal with the work and life patterns which contributed to the heart problems. Chapters 4 through 6 tell of experiences after the first heart problem symptoms appeared. Chapters 7 and 8 tell of the understandings which came while trying to adjust to a life with an injured heart.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Slashes of lightning stopped and a sliver of moon appeared over Kennedy Airport. Our World Airways flight left at 10:30 p.m. and for the next six hours, the 200 summer students on the plane did little except eat. We had dinner at midnight and breakfast about three hours later, plus a couple of snacks.

When we landed in London, the temperature was 49 degrees, quite a drop from Jackson's 95.

While the Queen was engaged in her silver jubilee review of the Royal Navy off Portsmouth yesterday, I was listening to lectures on journalism — and English poetry — at Birkbeck College.

Last Saturday night my friend Joan Peterson and I spent with a Dutch family at Nieuw-Vennep, near Amsterdam, Holland. Joan is a kindergarten teacher at Pensacola, Fla., and I have known her since Judson College days. Since there was no Baptist church in the town, we visited the Dutch Reform Church Sunday with our hostess. We heard a sermon from Matthew 8 — in Dutch — about Jesus' care for us during life's storms.

When we realized that Haarlem was less than 10 miles away, Joan and I decided to go there by bus on Sunday afternoon.

Haarlem to the school child is the capital of North Holland; to the nature lover, the city of flowers; to the artist, the home of Frans Hals; to the gourmet, the city of chocolate letters; to the music lover, the city of international organ competition; to the printer, the city of famous typographic collections; to the reader of "The Hiding Place," the home of Corrie ten Boom. Not far away is Spaardam, where Hans Brinker held his finger in the dike.

And I applaud Southern Baptists for speaking with a clarion voice upholding the biblical perspective toward homosexuality as sin and commending Miss Anita Bryant for her courageous action in opposing this menacing deviant behavior.

My question is, "Have we done enough?" Christians everywhere must stand up against homosexuality as a normal life style. Also we need to support Miss Bryant. She is being harassed nationally for her stand. Specifically, we are told she may lose her advertising contract with the Florida Citrus Commission. The time has come for Mississippi Baptists to be heard. I implore all pastors and lay leaders to encourage Mississippi Baptists to participate in a massive write-in campaign. Write the Florida Citrus Commission (address: Memorial Blvd. East, Lakeland, Florida 33801) declaring support for Miss Anita Bryant and indicating that Christians also buy a lot of Florida orange products. Write Miss Bryant personally (address: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Green, 3050 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida 33137) pledging support and prayers. Write our legislators opposing any legislation which will give a measure of respectability to the deviant behavior of homosexuality.

Let me say also, that we should pray sincerely for those who are enslaved to homosexuality. God's grace is sufficient to forgive any and all; He is still the Great Deliverer.

Gene Henderson  
Pastor, Fairview Baptist Church  
Columbus, Mississippi 39701

And thus we will bring to a close, for the moment at least, our discussion on the merits or demerits of Anita Bryant's campaign against an ordinance in Miami, Fla.

Bewildered by all the Dutch signs, we thought it would be very difficult to locate the house we sought. Joan said, "The Lord will help us find it." And He did. We walked along a street (in a rather large city) which led to the market square. All the shops were closed for Sunday. Of course, we knew that Corrie's home is no longer owned by her, and is not a tourist attraction, but is still a clock shop. All was quiet, with no one in sight. Then, as if she sprang from the cobblestones, a Chinese girl from California appeared, asking, "Can you tell me where to find Corrie ten Boom's house?" She was shocked when we answered in English. Then all three of

us at the same time saw "Ten Boom-1837" on the window of the clock shop. Maynae Lew told us she had been a Southern Baptist for 20 years. We ate lunch with her near the Bavo Church with its tulip-shaped spire. We were thankful for the quiet, a contrast to days best forgotten.

"I would that I could live and take my ease

In some old quiet house in Haarlem town

Where I could listen as the sun went down

To brave Dutch Sea-winds rustling in the trees."

— by Adrian Morrien

## Broadmoor Youth Director Compiles New Bible Study

A new Bible study guide has been placed into use by Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson which has been developed by Donn Poole, the youth minister at the church.

Poole said the purpose of the new study guide is to develop a strategy of quiet times and a scripture memory system in the lives of Christians. He had seen other such systems which were built around quiet times that had no scripture memory factor, he said. Others were developed for use individually, and he wanted something that could be channeled through an organization. His idea has been to develop a system to use with the strongest organization in the church, the Sunday School.

Poole and his pastor, David Grant, explained the system.

The youth minister said he felt that the youth had come a long way in Christian growth but that Sunday School was just a 9:30 to 11 situation. The common denominator for them all is the Bible, he declared, so he decided to go through all the background passages for the Sunday School lessons and divide them into daily portions.

The loose leaf notebook format lists the passages by days and then provides daily worksheets which give the student the opportunity to enter the central idea of the passage, determine how the truth found applies to his life, and to write down a key memory verse.

The next section of the book deals with prayer requests with a box provided for listing the date of the request.

the request, and the date of the answer.

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Donn Poole, left, youth minister at Broadmoor Church in Jackson, discusses the church's new "Life Tyme" study guide with his pastor, David Grant.

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## Missionary News

Mr. and Mrs. L. Parkes Marler, missionaries to Guam, have arrived on the field following furlough (address: Box EW, Agaña, Guam 96910). They are natives of Harpersville, Miss. She is the former Martha Ellen Townsend. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955, he was pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Forkville, Miss.

Mrs. Claude B. Smith, mother of William L. Smith, missionary to Brazil, died June 13. Missionary Smith may be addressed at Caixa 338, 86100 Londrina PR, Brazil. He is a native of Amite County, Miss. His wife is the former Carolyn Brand of Orlando, Fla. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963, he was pastor of Plymouth (Fla.) Baptist Church.

Miss Shirley Jackson, missionary to Brazil, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 4 Elm St., Natchez, Miss. 39120). Born in Bentonville, Ark., she grew up near Natchez. Before she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, she was a secretary at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Miss Mary Alice Ditsworth, missionary to Indonesia, may be addressed at J1. Hegarmanah 77, Bandung, Indonesia. A native of Mississippi, she was born in Lucedale and grew up in Pascagoula. Before she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, she worked as secretary, education and youth director at First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal B. Lee, missionaries to France, may be addressed at "La Thebaide", 473 Chemin du Belvedere, 06250 Mougins, France. He was born in Ruston, La., and lived in several Mississippi towns while growing up. The former Lou Ann Green was born in Independence, La., and also lived in Prentiss, Poplarville and Pascagoula, Miss., while growing up. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962, he was pastor of Vancleave (Miss.) Baptist Church.

J. D. Lundy, director of missions for Holmes-Leflore County, resigned effective June 25. He and Mrs. Lundy have moved to New Augusta where he has been called as pastor. C. J. Olander of Tchula will serve as interim director until a new director has been chosen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. (Mike) Newton, missionaries to Korea, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: P. O. Box 931, Pineville, La. 71360). A native of Louisiana, he was born in Jennings and lived in Houma, Baton Rouge and Lafayette while growing up. The former Wanda De-deaux, she was born in Hattiesburg, Miss., and lived in towns in Louisiana and Mississippi while growing up. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Broussard, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Lee, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: P. O. Box 787, Lone Star, Tex. 75668). He was born in Maverick, Tex., and grew up in Ballinger, Tex., and Hobbs, N.M. The former Twila Turner, she was born in Texarkana, Ark., and grew up in Illinois, Texas and Mississippi. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967, he was pastor of Oak Street Baptist Church, Colorado, Tex.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS



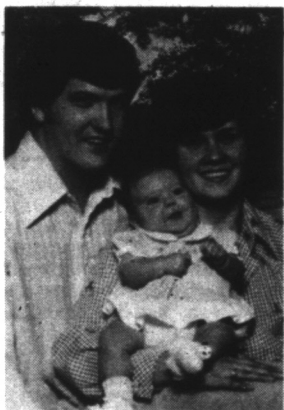
Patsy Collins, John Cole, and Debbie Hehn (left to right), members of the BSU at Jones Junior College, Ellisville, are serving as summer missionaries. Patsy, a member of Second Avenue Church, Laurel, is in the state of Washington. John, a member of Raleigh Church, is in California. Debbie Hehn, a member of Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, is in New Mexico. John Sumner is BSU Director at JCJC.



Howard D. Smith has become the pastor of Trinity Church, Vicksburg. He received his BA at Miss. College and master of divinity at INOBTS. Having been in the ministry for 22 years, Smith has pastored churches in Louisiana and Miss. He is coming from Kil-michael where he was pastor for the last four years, and is married to the former Betty Wroten of McCall Creek. They have two children: Elbert and Selena.

Henry "Pete" Lee was licensed to the gospel ministry by West McComb Church on June 12. He and his wife, Virginia, and their three sons live in Summit. Lee is a graduate of Ole Miss (1949) and tentatively plans to attend New Orleans Seminary.

W. C. "Buddy" Burns, pastor of First Church, Ellisville, since 1968, has resigned to accept the pastorate of South Garland Church, Texas. Burns came to FBC, Ellisville from Tutwiler Church. Prior he had served as pastor of Plainview Church in Krum, Texas, and Valley View Church in Olton, Texas. He is married to the former Arrie Beth Boast of Pine Bluff, Ark. They have four children: Terry-18, Gary-12, Janet-7, and Joy-5.

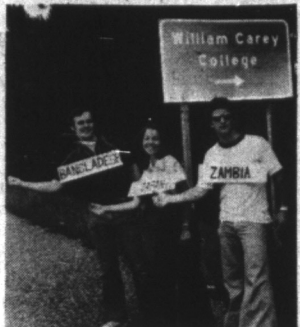


Rudy Rideout has been called as minister of music and youth at Ruleville Church. He and his family came from West Marks Church. A. M. (Sonny) Moore is pastor.



James A. Foster, on leave from the Philippines, is serving as pastor of Briel Avenue Church, Natchez. He and his wife Zelma have served as missionaries for one year in China, and the past 29 years in the Philippines. They have two children: Sandi and John. Both are married.

Four Mississippians received degrees from Luther Rice Seminary International in Jacksonville, Fla. Paul David Aultman, Ocean Springs-Doctoral; George F. Hendry, Beaumont-Doctoral; William M. Waddle, New Albany-D. Min.; Lawrence E. Tapp, Oceans Springs-M. Div.



Three of the nineteen Carey students in summer missions went overseas for their 10-week missionary assignment. Dramatizing their excitement over the whole thing just before they left the Hattiesburg campus in early June are from left: Steve Hooker of Perkinson now in Bangladesh; Betty Jones also of Perkinson now in Japan; and Al Fike of Leakesville now in Zambia (Africa). William Carey increased its involvement this year by over 200%. It had more students applying for summer mission positions this year than any other college in Miss.

Pat McDaniel, executive director of the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, becomes executive vice president and chief of operations for the Annuity Board, SBC, on August 1. McDaniel will serve as principal planning officer for the Board and advisor to the president on internal operations.

Jim Didlake was called as minister of education and administration of First Church Brandon effective June 26. He and wife Marlene come from Russellville, Kentucky, where they served First Church for the past 8½ years. Didlake is a native of Crystal Springs and is graduate of MSU and NOBTS. Tom Baddley is pastor.

T. R. McKibbens, Jr. recently received the Norman W. Cox Award given at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Society held in Nashville, Tennessee. The award was given "for the best article published by the Historical Commission, S.B.C., in 1976."

A native of Laurel, McKibbens is the son of Dr. and Mrs. T. R. McKibbens. Dr. McKibbens, Sr., now retired due to a health disability, served for many years as pastor of First Church Laurel, and was active in Mississippi Baptist life for a long period of time. Among other positions of leadership, he served as president of the Convention Board for several years.

McKibbens received the Ph.D. degree from Southern Seminary with a major in church history in 1976. His wife is the former Donna Edwards of Jackson, and they have one daughter. He is currently serving as associate pastor of Broadway Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Pastor of First Church Grenada, John Lee Taylor, and his wife Dolores were featured leaders of the state family enrichment conference held in Michigan at Bambi Lake Assembly July 1-4.

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Belinda Burnham (left) and Melyne Montgomery of Harpersville Church were appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve as summer missionaries. Burnham is in California and Montgomery is in Kentucky.



Phil Walker was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Mt. Zion Church, Independence. Walker has been called as associate pastor and youth director of First Church Summit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker of Independence, and is married to the former Jody Bolton of Wilsonville, AL. A graduate of Miss. College, he is now presently a student at NOBTS. Roy T. Myers is pastor at Mt. Zion and Larry W. Fields is pastor at First Summit.

Mitchell Smith has become the pastor of Macedonia Church, Petal. He and his family moved on the field June 3. Before coming to Macedonia, Smith was pastor of Union Church, Meridian. Originally from Sand Hill, Smith has held pastorates in Greene, Wayne, Walthall and Clarke counties. His wife is the former Diane Williams from Wayne county. They have 2 children: Redonda-7½ and Jason-4. A new addition is expected in late August.

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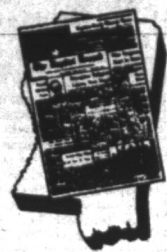
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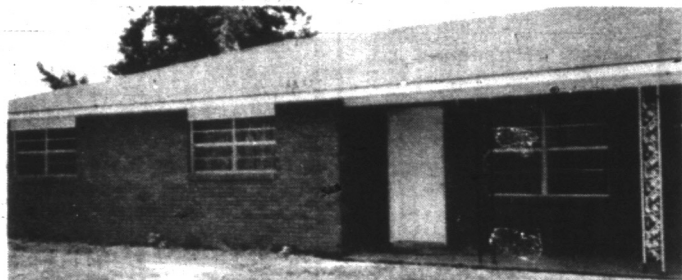
## Just For The Record

Homecoming services will be observed at First Brooklyn on July 17. A. T. Walker, who has served the church several times as interim pastor, will be the guest speaker. There will be a ground breaking service for a new fellowship hall, and dinner on the ground. Kenneth Shoemaker is pastor.

Ruth Church had homecoming Sunday on July 10, which was also the first day of their revival services ending on the 17th. Speaker is Curtiss Williams, pastor of McLauren Heights Church. Services are 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Vancleave Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 25. The morning worship service message will be by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Following the service will be an old-fashioned dinner on the ground, and an afternoon service.

The combined chancel and youth choir of First Church Summit recently presented a concert honoring the senior citizens of the church. Included in the service were testimonies from some of the senior citizens.



Enterprise Church, Liberty recently completed a new parsonage replacing an older structure. H. L. Carraway and his family have already moved into the home. Carraway served the church as interim pastor in 1963, and was then called as pastor serving for ten years. After serving in other fields of service, he returned in 1975. The church has also recently completed an educational and fellowship annex. J. Paul Jones is the director of missions.



### SBC WMU Holds First Groundbreaking

In its 89 years, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention has never broken ground for its own building. Last week WMU president Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory (center) of Danville, Virginia, broke the ground for a five-floor addition to the present national office building located in Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Robert Smira, president of Mississippi WMU and chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee of the WMU Executive Board (right) gave the invocation. Pictured left is Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, SBC. Construction on the building began immediately.

### W. C. Blanton

#### Dies At Goodhope

W. C. Blanton died June 20 in his home at the Goodhope community after a lengthy illness. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a member of McDonald Church, and was also a Baptist minister for 25 years.

Foy Rogers of Jackson, director of the cooperative missions dept. of the Miss. Baptist Convention, conducted the June 22 funeral services and was assisted by Paul Jordan, pastor of Good Hope Church, Lena. Pallbearers were P. L. Ivy, Barney Jeffcoats, Ben J. Tripp, Bobby Channault, Cooper Lay and Ollie Lay, all of Lena. Burial was in the Hillsboro Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lizzie Blanton; one daughter, Lynda Gail Blanton of Dallas, Texas; one son, Martin Blanton of Stone Mountain, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. Mable Tyndal of Theodore, Ala., Mrs. Lorena Easterman of Meridian, and Mrs. Beulah Mae Parham of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; two brothers, Lester Blanton of Houston, Texas, and George T. Blanton of Brandon, and 19 grandchildren.

### Corks Celebrate

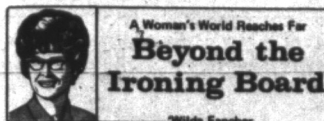
#### 25th Anniversaries

By Sarah Peugh

For the Ferrell O. Cork, Jr., Sunday, June 12, was a triple milestone. Cork, pastor of First Church, Aberdeen celebrated his 25th anniversary in the ministry; he and his wife Billie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and 5 years in the pastorate at Aberdeen.

Starting in 1952 at New Zion Church in Wier, with a membership of 80, Cork now pastors a membership of 900 with a budget of \$172,000. Those present of the 271 members gained during his 5 year ministry at Aberdeen were presented special name tags attached with silver streamers. During the service a silver engraved tray and silver paired candelabras were presented to the Corks from the church.

During the afternoon the honorees hosted a reception in their home assisted by daughter, Lynn, a speech pathologist with the University of Ala. Medical Center, and a son, Steve, a junior at the University of Miss.



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The weather this summer has reminded me quite often of the summers when I was a little girl. I remember summers for their hotness and dryness, mostly, so far as weather is concerned. One of the most fun things when I was still small enough to go barefoot was walking through hot, dry dustbeds on the side of the road or on paths from one cousin's house to another in the country when we went to see them. There would be no pebbles or rocks or gravels or sticks or anything to hurt my feet — only fine, smooth — usually red — dust, often as soothing as the powder from the talcum can, not gritty or abrasive like sand. I loved walking through those flat velvet spots.

I remember the good things associated with hot, small-town summers, all of them working together to give me a sense of extreme well-being, a sense of faith and a sense of anticipation for the future. Somehow, the winter memories are not as vivid except for special times like snow, Christmas, school activities. But summer had a quality almost ethereal and mystical for me. Looking back, I can see that it was in the summers that our church activities were so special, and they must have lent the glow to my summer memories. It was as if my childhood was full of childlike faith, and I learned then that a childlike faith is the best kind. It is the kind I have carried with me all these years, and it is the kind that I exercise every day.

Our oldest, who will begin his doctoral studies this fall, found a house he felt would be a better investment for the next few years than apartment rent. When he was told his income would not qualify him for the loan, he said, "Just let me call my Dad. He'll be able to figure something out." That's what I mean by childlike faith — not a foolish, bordering-on-stupidity kind of faith, but one that believes in the total ability of the one being trusted.

So, while I am not happy about the problems the lack of rain has caused so many, I am pleased that this weather has reminded me of my childhood summers, that it has taken me back to my "roots" — the roots of my faith, therefore of my life.

The man who keeps busy helping the man below him won't have time to envy the man above him — and there may not be anybody above him anyway. — HENRIETTA C. MEARS

The best way to prove to yourself that you're not superior to a brother man of different color or creed is to get acquainted with him. — Mason City (Iowa) — Globe Gazette.

### Devotional

## Daniel in the Lion's Den

By Len Turner, pastor Colonial Heights, Jackson

After the Medo-Persians had conquered the Babylonian Empire, they set up a new form of government. Darius the Mede was made the king of the conquered territory. He served under and contemporaneously with the great Cyrus, king of all the Persian Empire. Under Darius there were appointed three "presidents" who oversaw the work of 120 "princes." Daniel was so respected that he was made the first of the three presidents. Effectively that made him second in power only to Darius. Notice the testimony he carried. In what way was Daniel's spirit "excellent"? Does verse 3 give any suggestion as to the reason for the scheme that follows?

The only fault that could be found in Daniel by his peers was his devotion to the Lord. Would that this was the only fault to be found in the lives of all of God's people.

It is clear that Daniel was not invited to the meeting of the leaders at which the decree was formulated. It was aimed for his removal from office and execution. Darius thoughtlessly signed the decree and this was a particularly bad act in the Persian Empire for once a law was officially signed, it was irrevocable. Not even the king could change what was decreed.

Daniel had steadfast courage! Even after he was aware of the new law, he obeyed God rather than man and continued his prayer and devotion. Daniel was in his mid-eighties by this time. Through the years, he had been faithful and God had proved Himself the same. The enemies were waiting for Daniel's move so that they could make theirs. As soon as Darius heard the accusation, he was in agony over his decree and sought some way to circumvent it. But it was to no avail, Daniel must be placed in the den of lions.

Daniel simply trusted the Lord. It is faith that unlocks all the blessings and resources of God, making them a reality in the Christian's life.

Darius' gladness for Daniel's deliverance was soon followed by a decree that the plotters against Daniel be executed in the lion's den. Verse 24 is repulsive to a Christian spirit, but it was according to the custom of the worldly Persians. Be careful of scheming a sinful plot; it may backfire.



West Side Church, Macon voted to place a portrait in their fellowship hall of E. C. Farr, retired pastor of the church. During Farr's ministry in the church a building program was started. Since his retirement the new church has been completed on property adjacent to the old church. Accepting the portrait from Farr is Odell Higginbotham, Deacon.

### Sunday School Lesson: International For July 17

## Unbelief Delays Fulfillment

By Wm. J. Fallis

Numbers 13-14

Although the book of Exodus tells about Israel's leaving Egypt and finally reaching Mount Sinai to receive the law, it tells no more of the journey to Canaan. After the offering was received for the tabernacle, chapters 36 - 40

describe the construction of the tabernacle. The next book is Leviticus which is devoted entirely to regulations concerning worship and certain practical requirements growing out of those laws. The wilderness narrative is picked up again in the book of Numbers, the source of this lesson. It begins with a census at Sinai in the second year after leaving Egypt, and it ends thirty-eight years later with the children of Israel just before invading Canaan.



land, but now they were told that giants would oppose them. Rather than be killed in battle or massacred in the camp, as wives and children might be, they wished to be back in Egypt or even to have died in the wilderness. Not only did they murmur against Moses and Aaron, they even wanted to select a captain to lead them back to Egypt.

Perhaps because this was the most rebellious mood that the people had shown, Moses and Aaron prostrated themselves on the ground to beg them to reconsider. Joshua and Caleb showed their emotion by tearing their clothes, and then they spoke to the people. They saw Canaan as a good land, and they were sure the Lord would give it to them. With his help, defeating the Canaanites would be as easy as eating bread. But the crowd would not listen but prepared to kill those with the minority report.

### Life And Work For July 17

## A New Morality: Spirit

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First

Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:13-26

There is a famous saying, "Love God and do what you like." If love is the mainspring of a man's heart, if his whole life is dominated by love for God and love for his fellowman, he needs no other law, for the law of love makes all other laws unnecessary.

Do you pay your debts? Paul said a Christian was indebted to pay taxes. "Owe no man anything." There is one debt that a man must pay every day and yet must go on owing every day. That is the debt to love each other.

Paul claimed that if a person honestly sought to discharge this debt of love, he would automatically keep all the commandments. If he discharges the debt of love, he will not kill, for love never seeks to destroy, but always seeks to build up.

Christian freedom is not a license for the simple but tremendous reason that the Christian is not the man who has become free to sin, but the man who has by the grace of God become free not to sin. The Christian is the man who through the indwelling Spirit of God is so purged of self that he loves his neighbor as himself, a thing that is not possible except for a Christian. The spirit of selfishness will destroy a man.

### DOUBTERS WOULD NOT SEE THE LAND (Num. 14:20-23)

In the second half of verse 10 we see how "the glory of the Lord" stopped the mob. Then Moses heard the Lord condemn the people, and he is described as reasoning with the Lord to pardon this latest outburst. The Lord responded that he had pardoned, but he was determined that the men who had seen all his miracles "in Egypt and in the wilderness" and yet refused to have faith in him would not live to see the Promised Land. All those "twenty years old and upward" (v. 29), would "wander (be shepherds) in the wilderness forty years" (v. 33). Unwilling to trust the Lord and face the possible dangers in claiming the land, they and their children would have to wait until an obedient generation was ready to follow the Lord's leading. The punishment matched their blatant scorn and unbelief.

### Students, Leaders Meet At Glorieta

GLORIETA, N. M. — Approximately 2,200 junior and senior high school students and their leaders met together during the Church Training Youth Conference, June 4-10, at Glorieta Conference Center. The group explored the week's theme, "Walk in the Spirit of Love."

Evening worship services during the week were led by Ed Seabough, director of personnel recruitment services for the Home Mission Board; Don Blaylock, director of student work for the Kentucky Convention; and Paul Smith, contemporary Christian concert artist from Waco, Tex.

Each morning the conference participants divided into small groups to study three basic texts, Youth Affirm: Doctrine of God, Youth Developing a Church Training Group and one of the three basic Baptist youth training curriculum. Forty church staff members and youth workers served as faculty members in these sessions.

dead mechanism of a written code. For man the law was impossible, but the Spirit makes it possible for him to overcome the lower nature and follow out the will of God.

### Harmontown Ladies Quilt For Children

Fourteen women from Harmontown Church (Lafayette) have made 24 quilts for "The Farrow Manor" children's home as well as making gifts of them to several members in the congregation.

Mrs. Lucille Crawford started gathering the ladies together almost two years ago and formed the "Harmontown Quilting Club." It began with six ladies meeting on Wednesday afternoons, sometimes eating lunch together and having an inspirational time. Soon after, they started having surprise birthday parties for each other, with the ages varying from 40 to 75.

Don Stanfill, pastor of the church, had approached Mrs. Crawford with "you have so many unique talents, how about starting a program for the women?" She promptly started gathering the women together, and today feels the club is a success.

## Revival Dates

Spring Hill Church (Cotiah): July 31 - August 5; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Ken Stringer, pastor Western Church, evangelist; Herbert Batson, church choir director, song leader; Joe Abrams, Clinton, pastor.

Slayden Church: July 24-29; 7:30 p.m.; Gray Allison, evangelist; Charles Grigsby, pastor.

Gatesville Church (Cotiah): July 31 - August 6; Sunday morning service at 11 followed by dinner on ground and an afternoon service at 1:30; Mon. - Fri. services at 7:30 p.m.; Glen Nations, pastor of Bethesda Church, Terry, evangelist; Robert Magee, pastor.

Oak Grove Church (Holmes): July 17-22; services 7:30 p.m. nightly; J. H. Burrell, pastor, will be speaker.

Prospect Church, Richton: July 17-22; homecoming day 17th with former pastor Dexter Truesdale guest speaker; dinner on the ground to follow morning message; afternoon services at 2 with Larry Sweat, pastor of Silver Springs Church (Pike), evangelist for the week; Leon Dunn, pastor Putman Church, Ala., music evangelist; services 7:30 nightly; Randy K. Bowman, pastor.

Macedonia Church, Brookhaven: July 17-22; services each day at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; C. W. Thompson, Sr., Florence, Ala., evangelist; Buddy Casey, First Church McComb, music evangelist; Don Nerren, pastor; Charles B. Still, minister of music and youth; Donna Currie, Miss Co-Lin, will sing and give testimony in the Wednesday night service.

Branch Church, Morton: July 17-22; Kenneth Jones, pastor of Ephesus Church, evangelist; Richard Sparks, Jr., director of music and youth at Branch, in charge of music; Sunday 17th will be homecoming day with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 followed with dinner in fellowship hall; acknowledgment of guests and gospel singing in the afternoon beginning at 4:30; service Mon. - Fri. 8 p.m.; offering will be taken for upkeep of cemetery; T. W. Henderson, pastor.

Liberty Church (Carroll): July 17-22; Mon.-Fri. services at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; regular services on Sunday 17th; Joe Cobb, student director at Northeast Junior College, evangelist; Clay Blair, minister of music at Liberty, is in charge of music; Mrs. Genette DuBard, pianist; Gus Garrett, pastor.

Sylvarena Church, Wesson: July 16-22; Saturday - Monday focus on evangelism; William V. Carter, Palestine Church, Rio, La., evangelist; Clayton Jordan, NOBTS student, will lead youth rally after Sat. night service; Tuesday - Friday focus on Christian encouragement and spiritual growth; Clarence C. Randall, First Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., guest pastor; fellowship supper 6 p.m. Friday; evening services Sat.-Fri. 7 p.m.; morning services Sunday 11 a.m. and Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.; Myrna Hedgespeth, Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, guest soloist.

Second Church, Calhoun: July 17-22; 7:30 p.m.; Buford Ustry, former pastor and now pastor at Westwood Church, Meridian, is evangelist; Gerald Waldrop, minister of music at Randolph Church, is music evangelist; Edward Pendergrast is pastor.

Fentress Church, Ackerman: July 10-15; services Sunday through Friday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; dinner on the ground after Sunday worship service; James E. Smith, pastor First Church Houston MS, evangelist; Gladney Worrell, music director; Faye Worrell, piano; J. B. Smith, pastor.

Bolton Church (Hinds-Madison): July 17-22; Ed Perrett, evangelist; Bill Clark, singer; services Sunday regular time, weekday at 7:30 p.m.; Wayne Burkes, pastor.

Vancleave Church: July 17-22; Buddy Mathis, evangelist; Charles Malone, music director; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Felix Greer, pastor.

Mt. Vernon Church: July 17-22; Mon.-Wed. services at 7:30 p.m.; Russell Fox of Anniston, Ala. is evangelist; Tom Vassar, pastor at Mt. Vernon, will direct the music; homecoming will be held Sunday with services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; dinner on the ground.

St. Francis: Last night was hoeing his garden when someone asked him he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he would die before sunset. "I would finish hoeing my garden," he replied.

The purpose of Christianity is not to avoid difficulty, but to produce a character adequate to meet it when it comes. It does not make life easy; rather it tries to make us great enough for life. — JAMES L. CHRISTENSEN

### FEARFUL PEOPLE READY TO KILL (Num. 14:1-3,8-10)

At first the people were shocked and frightened; they "wept that night." They had been promised a new home.